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LYNDON'S LETTER FROM INDIA

TELANGANA STATE

I am currently resident in Telangana which is one of the 29 states in India, located in southern India. Telangana has an area of 112,077 square kilometres (43,273 sq. mi), and a population of 35,193,978 (2011 census) making it the twelfth largest state in India, and the twelfth most populated state in India. Its major cities include Hyderabad, Warangal, Nizamabad, Khammam, Karimnagar and Ramagundam. Telangana is bordered by the states of Maharashtra to the north and north-west, Chhattisgarh to the north, Karnataka to the west and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south.

Telangana acquired its identity as the Telugu-speaking region of the princely state of Hyderabad, ruled by the Nizam of Hyderabad, joining the Union of India in 1948. In 1956, the Hyderabad state was dissolved as part of the linguistic reorganisation of states and Telangana was merged with former Andhra State to form Andhra Pradesh. Following a movement for separation, it was awarded separate statehood on 2 June 2014. Hyderabad will continue to serve as the joint capital city for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for a period of not more than ten years.

I am attending the General Management Programme for Senior Executives (Session 128) with the theme "Enhancing Leadership Potential for Organisational Success". The course started on 9 January 2017 and will end on 3 February 2017. The program uses a combination of training methods to help participants gain competencies and specialised skills to deliver higher level responsibilities.

The course is taking place at the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) in Hyderabad. The campus was founded in 1956 at the initiative of Government and Industry. The Administrative Staff College of India is a pioneer in the field of post experience management development and training. According to their brochure over 130 000 executives have passed through their doors through the last 60 years.

We get the newspapers here every day and what is amazing for me to see is that chess gets reported in the mainstream newspapers like any other sport. In today's The Times of India, Hyderabad (p18) they noted that Indian Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna will be playing at the "Wimbledon of chess" Wijk aan Zee from today. They noted that at the Olympiad in September 2016 he sensationally beat GM Karjakin and drew with world champion GM Magnus Carlsen.

Enjoy the day.

Regards

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